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H. R. 4265

To direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish and carry out a direct lending program for small business concerns, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December 10, 2009

Mr. Yarmuth introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. DIRECT LENDING PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSI-
- 4 NESS CONCERNS.
- 5 (a) Establishment.—The Administrator of the
- 6 Small Business Administration shall establish and carry
- 7 out a loan program (in this section referred to as the "pro-

- 1 gram") under which the Administrator is authorized to
- 2 make loans directly to eligible small business concerns.
- 3 (b) LOAN AMOUNT.—Each loan made to an eligible
- 4 small business concern under the program shall be in an
- 5 amount not exceeding the lesser of—
- 6 (1) 10 percent of the annual revenues of such
- 7 concern (as determined by the Administrator of the
- 8 Small Business Administration); or
- 9 (2) \$500,000.
- 10 (c) Loan Interest Rate.—The interest rate of a
- 11 loan made under the program shall be equal to the dis-
- 12 count window primary credit interest rate most recently
- 13 published in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release on se-
- 14 lected interest rates (daily or weekly), and commonly re-
- 15 ferred to as the H.15 release (or any successor publica-
- 16 tion), in the week preceding the making of such loan.
- 17 (d) Payments on Principal.—A small business
- 18 concern may not be required to make payments on the
- 19 principal of a loan under the program during the 2-year
- 20 period beginning on the date on which such loan is made.
- 21 (e) Funding.—Of funds made available to the Sec-
- 22 retary of the Treasury under title I of the Emergency Eco-
- 23 nomic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5211 et seq.)
- 24 that remain unobligated, the Secretary of the Treasury
- 25 shall make available to the Administrator of the Small

- 1 Business Administration \$20,000,000,000 and the Ad-
- 2 ministrator of the Small Business Administration shall
- 3 carry out the program using such funds.
- 4 (f) Definitions.—In this section, the following defi-
- 5 nitions apply:
- 6 (1) Eligible small business concern.—
- 7 The term "eligible small business concern" means a
- 8 small business concern that has been operating as a
- 9 small business concern for at least 2 years prior to
- the receipt by the Administrator of an application
- from such concern for a loan under the program.
- 12 (2) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term
- 13 "small business concern" has the meaning given
- such term under section 3(a) of the Small Business
- 15 Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a)).

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